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Summary

1.(C) Swiss FM Calmy-Rey met with visiting Iranian nuclear negotiator Larijani on February 12 to review a Swiss 4-point proposal on how to resolve the nuclear impasse. Swiss officials disputed press reports that their effort comprised "mediation effort" or an "initiative," and emphasized the proposal's consistency with UNSCR 1737. Conditions included suspension of enrichment prior to talks; full cooperation with the IAEA (including the long-awaited timetable); transfer of all enrichment activities to a consortium; all followed by a comprehensive settlement on nuclear, economic, security, and political issues. Scheurer denied an Iranian news report that the Swiss had offered up the possibility of a partial suspension of enrichment activities. Larijani, for his part, told Calmy-Rey that she was even less flexible than the EU's Solana. The Iranians had little concrete to offer, but Scheurer said he detected a more "constructive spirit" in the discussion. DCM reiterated Washington's concerns about Swiss efforts, particularly in light of Switzerland's status as Protecting Power for the United States in Tehran. End summary.

Swiss 4-Point Proposition

2.(C) Iranian nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani met with Swiss Foreign Minister Micheline Calmy-Rey in Bern on February 12 after attending the Munich International Security Conference, or "Wehrkunde," over the weekend. Larijani's aide Sayaad Monfarad and Deputy Foreign Minister Sa'id Jalili accompanied him. On February 13, Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs Iran expert Guillaume Scheurer invited DCM and Poloff for a briefing on the talks, in order to reassure the USG that Switzerland is abiding by the consensus reflected in UN Security Council Resolution 1737. Calmy-Rey, he said, bluntly told Larijani of Iran's isolation on the nuclear issue, its obligation to abide by UNSC and IAEA requirements, the present risk of escalation, and the imperative for Iran to be transparent and constructive in seeking a solution.

3.(C) Scheurer dismissed as "media spin" various press reports of a "Swiss Initiative" and "Swiss mediation." Rather, he said, FM Calmy-Rey (and State Secretary Ambuehl the previous week -- see reftel) had merely given Larijani a "proposition" to resolve the current impasse. The proposition's four points were as follows:

A. Before talks begin, Iran commits itself to suspend all enrichment-related activities and to act in accommodation with provisions of the Additional Protocol, pending ratification of the Iranian Parliament, and to go beyond these provisions when demanded by the IAEA;

B. Three weeks after the start of talks, Iran presents a timetable for resolving outstanding issues with the IAEA;

C. A concrete proposal will be devised concerning an eventual consortium, through which all further Iranian enrichment activities will be transferred;

D. As soon as the above steps are achieved, negotiators will consider a comprehensive settlement package which includes nuclear and non-nuclear areas, such as economic cooperation, international security, and political dialogue (akin to past EU proposals, according to Scheurer).

4.(C) Scheurer insisted that the Swiss proposal did not, repeat not, offer up a "partial suspension," as was reported by the Iranian news agency "Flash News" on February 12. He said FM Calmy-Rey had been angered when she read the Iranian spokesman's statement to Flash. Scheurer said that Calmy-Rey had raised the notion of a "temporary suspension," though she asserted that anything the Iranians did would have to be in compliance with the IAEA.

Larijani's Reaction: Nothing Concrete, but a Better Spirit

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5.(C) According to Scheurer, Larijani told Calmy-Rey she was \
even less flexible than Solana. He reiterated Tehran's long \
list of complaints about the West's lack of respect for Iran. \
He repeated his comments from Wehrkunde, asserting that, \

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whatever the past, Iran was currently in compliance with the \
IAEA and that Iran should not be punished for violations it \
had yet to commit. A potential consortium, he argued, must \
be in Iranian territory, not abroad. Suspension was \
unacceptable as a precondition, though it could be the \
subject of "pre-talks," which he envisioned lasting up to two \
months. \

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6.(C) Asked whether he heard anything new in the meeting with \
Larijani, Scheurer acknowledged that there was nothing \
concrete, but that the "spirit" of the discussions were more \
hopeful. The Iranians were more rational, less emotional \
than in previous meetings with the Swiss. Scheurer's \
impression was that the Iranian side desired a solution, but \
had little idea how to get there within their current red \
lines, especially their refusal to suspend enrichment \
activities. He gathered from Solana's people in Munich that \
they had the same impression. \

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Washington's Concerns \

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7.(C) DCM thanked Scheurer for the briefing, but reiterated \
the USG's concerns that Tehran might confuse their activities \
with Switzerland's status as Protecting Power in Iran. She \
handed Scheurer the Department's guidance describing Iran's \
need to comply with the UNSC and IAEA. Scheurer said that \
Bern was aware of the USG's concerns, but insisted that \
officials always stressed to their Iranian interlocutors that \
they were not speaking for Washington. He was confident that \
Tehran understood this. \
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